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Dr. Irwin further reported September 2: To August 29 vessels have arrived at Japanese ports with cholera on board as follows: At Moji, *Yokohama Maru*, 2 cases, *Mexico Maru*, 4 cases; at Nagasaki, *Penza*, 1 case; *Sevin Maru*, 4 cases; at Kuchinotsu, *Otaru Maru*, 1 case.

#### Measures Against Importation of Cholera.

The Japanese authorities have issued the following instructions to vessels bound for Shanghai, which has been recognized as a cholera-infected place:

1. To purchase no drinking water, vegetables, fruits, raw fish, milk, etc., at Shanghai.
2. To prohibit the landing of the crews except in case of necessity.
3. To give warning to the passengers to avoid landing if possible.
4. To pay special attention to the condition of health of the passengers embarking at Shanghai.

#### PORTO RICO.

Passed Asst. Surg. Creel reports:

*Rats examined Sept. 7 to 14, 1912.*

Place.	Rats examined.	Rats found infected.	Rats found suspicious.
All Porto Rico.....	1,677		
San Juan municipality:			
San Juan.....	131		
Puerta de Tierra.....	58	2	
Santurce.....	336		

A summary of the plague situation to September 14, 1912, including human and rodent cases reported or discovered, was as follows: Rats examined, 15,235; rats found infected, 62; human cases, 56; deaths, 36.

*Inspections made Aug. 31 to Sept. 14, 1912.*

Inspections.	Aug. 31 to Sept. 7, 1912.	Sept. 7 to 14, 1912.
Buildings inspected:		
Mayaguez.....	236	263
Ponce.....		300
San Juan.....	339	205
Cars inspected.....	137	161
Packages of freight fumigated.....	858	1,131
Packages of freight repacked.....	129	166
Packages of freight inspected and passed.....	12,987	13,925
Oxcarts and wagons carrying outgoing overland freight inspected.....	254	227
Packages inspected.....	8,116	6,309
Packages fumigated.....		1
Packages repacked.....	484	331
Total packages inspected.....	8,600	6,623
Express packages inspected.....	476	
Express packages repacked.....	172	
Express packages fumigated.....		
Rats found in freight and express packages inspected.....	2	4

#### TURKEY IN ASIA.

##### Mersina--Port Declared Free from Cholera.

Consul Nathan reports that Mersina was officially declared free from cholera August 14, 1912.